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## CITY OF HALIFAX DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION RUSS MAKES DEMANDS ON GERMANY

### HITCH OCCURS OVER TERMS OF AN ARMISTICE

Germans Demand That It Shall Apply to the Eastern Front Only.

### RUSSIANS NOT AGREED

Slav Delegates Want Germany to Give Up Possession of Baltic Islands.

#### BERLIN CLAIMS THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—(Official).—A suspension of hostilities on the entire Russian front for ten days, beginning Friday noon, has been arranged.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 6.—Representatives of the Teutons met the Russian emissaries at Brest-Litovsk, for peace negotiations.

The German commissioners were empowered to negotiate an armistice for the eastern front only. The Russians demanded an armistice for all fronts, and requested that the Germans also surrender the islands of Moon, Dago and Oesel in the Baltic sea. The Teutons replied that these conditions could not be accepted, and added that such demands could be addressed only to a conquered country.

This brought the discussion back to the original proposition for an armistice on the eastern front alone, which the Russians are now considering.

### WOMEN ARE KILLED BY HUN TORPEDO

German Submarine Sent Second Torpedo which Smashed Lifeboats of Apapa.

### PASSENGERS KILLED

London, Dec. 6.—Survivors of the steamer Apapa report that German submarines sent a second torpedo which smashed the lifeboats containing scores of passengers, and killing several.

Others were drowned. There were 14 women on the steamer and 8 were drowned.

### NAVAL CONTROL MERCHANT SHIPS IS DISCUSSED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Naval control of merchant ships was discussed at the first working meeting of the super-war council, composed of five cabinet officers and members of the national defense, fuel and food administrations, and chairman of the shipping board.

PEKING.—It is reported that the rebels are progressing and have taken several villages.

### LIQUID FIRE IS BEING USED GERMAN TROOPS

Waves of Infantry Attempt to Overwhelm the Italian Lines Near Asiago.

### VENICE IS DESERTED

Desperate Attempts Being Made to Keep the Germans from the Plains.

#### UNITED STATES TO SEND TROOPS TO THE ITALIAN FRONT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—A committee's report declares that the United States probably will send troops to Italy soon.

#### Reports From Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—(Official).—The Austro-Germans captured 11,000 Italian prisoners and over 60 guns and strong positions in their new offensive.

#### New Reinforcements

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Official advices from Rome say that Austro-German divisions from the French and Russian fronts are constantly arriving on the Italian front. The

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### PURPOSE OF GERMANY TO AID MEXICO

Alleged Murderer Says Teutons Intended to Cause War with America.

### HUERTA WAS THE AGENT

Says Germany Intended to Make Him the Dictator to Cause the War.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 6.—Testifying in his own defense in the trial for the murder of Mrs. Maude King, the defendant, Gaston Means, told of his activities as a German agent. He declared he had discovered and reported to the government the German plot to restore Huerta as the dictator in Mexico; to cause war between Mexico and the United States and at the same time start a peace propaganda. He said he was working for a private detective agency, representing German clients, with the understanding that he would not report any information of value to the United States.

#### MANUFACTURER TO ASSIST GOVERNMENT IN WAR MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—George N. Peek, vice president of Deere and Company of Moline, has been appointed industrial representative of the war industries board to direct conversion of the nation's manufacturing facilities to war work.

#### STOCK QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Alaska Gold closed at 2½. China at 42½. Nevada Cons. at 17½. Ray at 21½. Utah Copper at 77½. American Zinc at 12½. Butte & Superior at 17.

### BRITISH TANK "BOWLING" THEM OVER



BRITISH TANK IN ACTION  
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### LONDON RAID BY GERMANS LAST NIGHT

Six of the 25 Raiders Reached London and Two Were Destroyed by British

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Twenty-five enemy aeroplanes raided the English coast last night and six of them reached London, according to an announcement made by the British admiralty today.

Two of the raiding machines were shot from the sky by British aviators, and the crews captured.

The bombs caused a number of fires in London which were quickly controlled. The casualties are believed to be light. There were three men in each of the attacking machines.

Seven were killed in London and 21 injured in the raid, and three were killed and ten injured outside of London.

#### Reports From Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The German planes bombed London, Sherness, Gravesend, Chatham, Dover and Margate.

SEATTLE.—Captain Franc Helfer, captain of the German steamer Saxonia, seized by the government, and former Austrian naval officer, has been arrested, to prevent his leaving the country before war with Austria is declared.

### FINLAND IS ON VERGE OF STARVATION

An Appeal Is Being Made Through the Swedish Press for Assistance.

### RUSSIA SEIZED FOODS

Practically All Imports from Russia to Finland Have Been Stopped.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Finland food committees are appealing to all Scandinavian countries through the Swedish press for help, asserting that the food situation in Finland is desperate.

Finland is unable to save itself and thousands of families must starve unless help arrives soon. Russian soldier organizations seized large quantities of food, and have completely stopped all imports from Russia to Finland.

#### AIRDOME, IS HIT BY BRITISH PLANES AND ALSO A TRAIN

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Naval aeroplanes raided German military establishments in Belgium and dropped bombs which hit an airdome and a train.

### BRITISH MAKE SOME ADVANCE ON WEST FRONT

Accomplish Withdrawals without the Knowledge Reaching the German Forces.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The British have advanced their lines slightly southwest of La Vauquerie on the Cambrai front, according to an official announcement today.

Tuesday night the British withdrew to the southwest of Noyelles, and a withdrawal from Bourlon Wood was accomplished without the Germans becoming aware of the fact until late yesterday.

#### STEAMER MOVEMENTS and Mail Information

##### Now North Bound

No boats northbound.

##### Scheduled Sailings

Alaska is scheduled to sail from Seattle Saturday.

SOUTHBOUND SAILINGS  
Admiral Evans is at Sitka and is expected southbound tomorrow forenoon. Takes mail.

### DEAD AND DYING LINE STREETS OF HALIFAX AFTER AN EXPLOSION

Is Estimated That 1,300 Were Killed and Many Hundreds Injured When a French Munition Ship Was Rammed By Norwegian Vessel—Waterfront Destroyed.

#### TWELVE HUNDRED ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

MONTREAL, Dec. 6.—It is estimated that 1,200 were killed as the result of the explosion at Halifax. It was a French, and not an American munition ship, which caused the explosion.

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 6.—Halifax advices received here report 300 dead. An unconfirmed report says that the fire was under control at 2 o'clock. The vessels collided soon after 8 o'clock this morning. Many hundreds were injured. The munition ship was American.

and it is not known whether they carried any troops.

Halifax, via St. John, Dec. 6.—Fires were brought under control this afternoon. Several hundred were killed and thousands were wounded. Not a single house in the city escaped damage.

#### DEAD LIE ON STREETS.

St. Johns, Dec. 6.—Communications were established with Halifax this afternoon. As the result of the explosion the American munition ship and half of the north end of the city were destroyed.

Great fires broke out and raged. The dead are lying thick on the streets. All of the hospitals are filled and overflowing. Many injured persons were compelled to walk about without treatment.

#### SAYS WAS FRENCH SHIP.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Halifax advices say the ship which caused the explosion was French, not American, and was rammed by a Norwegian ship carrying food. The dead is estimated at 1200.

### LAFOLLETTE INVESTIGATION ON NEXT WEEK

William Jennings Bryan Will Be First Witness to Be Examined by Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Senate committee having in charge the investigation of the St. Paul speech of Robert M. La Follette, has postponed the hearing until late next week.

The attorney for La Follette advised the committee that he would be unable to attend a committee meeting next Tuesday when it was planned to begin taking testimony, with William Jennings Bryan as the first witness.

### COPPER PRICES BE REVIEWED IN SHORT TIME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Representatives of the steel and copper industries and of war industries and war industries boards, will review copper prices at a conference to be held here Dec. 10th to 14th. When the agreement was made it was understood that the price then fixed would be subject to possible revision, after four months.

SEATTLE.—A box containing nitro-glycerine was found near the Duthrie Shipbuilding plant, having been uncovered by a plough making ready for the foundation of a new building.

#### EFFECTS OF EXPLOSION.

Amherst, Dec. 6.—It is reported here that two vessels, one carrying explosives, collided off Rockingham. The explosion resulting destroyed the installation in telegraph and telephone buildings for 30 miles around Halifax.

The explosion was heard at Truro, 61 miles distant.

It is reported that a steamer loaded with munitions moving out from her pier was rammed broadsides by another vessel.

The roof of the railway depot collapsed, and freight cars were blown off the railway track for a two-mile stretch.

Owing to faulty communications it is impossible to secure details of the probable damage to property and the loss of life.

#### MASS OF WRECKAGE.

Amherst, Dec. 6.—The whole northern section of Halifax is reported to be a mass of wreckage. Fires have broken out in a dozen places in the city.

#### FATE IS NOT KNOWN.

St. John, Dec. 6.—Several transports were in the harbor when the explosion took place. Nothing is known here regarding their fate.